

**Levy Oversight Committee
Minutes
April 25, 2006 Meeting**

Members Present: City Council President Nick Licata; City Councilmember Jan Drago; John Franklin, Mayor's Office; and William Bradford, community representative; Ryan Ellis and Kenny Stuart, Local 27, Seattle Firefighters Union (representing Dallas Baker, Local 27 representative).

Staff Present: Fire Chief Gregory Dean; Fleets and Facilities (FFD) Director Brenda Bauer; Dove Alberg, FFD; Chris Potter, FFD; Ellen Hansen, FFD; Heather Marx, FFD; Monica Lake, FFD; Scott MacColl, Council Central Staff; Brad Tong, Shiels, Obletz, Johnsen; Karl Stickel, Department of Finance (DOF); Candice Chin, DOF, and Ruri Yampolsky, Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Guests: Valerie Paganelli, Concerned Neighbors of Fire Station 20;

1. There was no public comment.
2. The minutes of the February 14, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. 1% for Arts Program
Dove Alberg introduced Ruri Yampolsky, Acting Director of the City's Public Arts Program, to talk about the 1% for Arts component of the Fire Levy Program.

Art installations are planned for Fire Stations 6, 21, 28, 30, 32, 37, and 39 at the exterior of each station, where there is interface between the community and the station. It may be possible to add another small piece inside a station.

Selection panels for artists on specific projects will include artists, professionals, city staff from Fleets and Facilities and the Fire Department, and a community member.

The application deadline for the master roster call for artists is Friday, April 28, 2006.

It is hoped that the artist for Fire Station 28 will be selected this summer.

At the end of the presentation, the Oversight Committee approved the arts program.

4. Discussion of Levy Issues and Projects

Joint Training Facility

Committee members were brought up to date on the project, including the progress toward resolving the Army Corps of Engineers issues. Last week's Fire Department's orientation session for new recruits took place at the facility.

Land Acquisition

- Staff provided an overview of the issues surrounding siting of Fire Station 20.
- The City Council approved purchase of land for the new site for Fire Station 37 in West Seattle.
- Staff is still evaluating sites for Fire Station 6 in the Central District.

In response to a question about what will happen to stations that are no longer needed, staff responded that when historic stations are no longer needed, they will be sold at fair market value so that the revenue can be returned to the levy program. If other City departments want these stations, they will be given first opportunity and will pay fair market value.

Committee members wanted to make sure that adequate notice would be given to neighborhoods about siting recommendations before the Council begins its process to consider legislation. Staff answered that there will be approximately 30 days between a site selection notice going out to the community and legislation making its way to the City Clerk's Office.

Fire Station 10 Project

The soil removal and mitigation is 80 percent complete. The bids for steel, concrete, electrical, and mechanical have been received. Hoffman has determined that it is advantageous to re-bid the mechanical work.

Small Boat

Sea trials begin in another ten days, with a Seattle delivery expected in June.

Large Boat

Construction is 30 percent complete. The blessing ceremony for the naming of the boat takes place on May 3rd.

5. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.